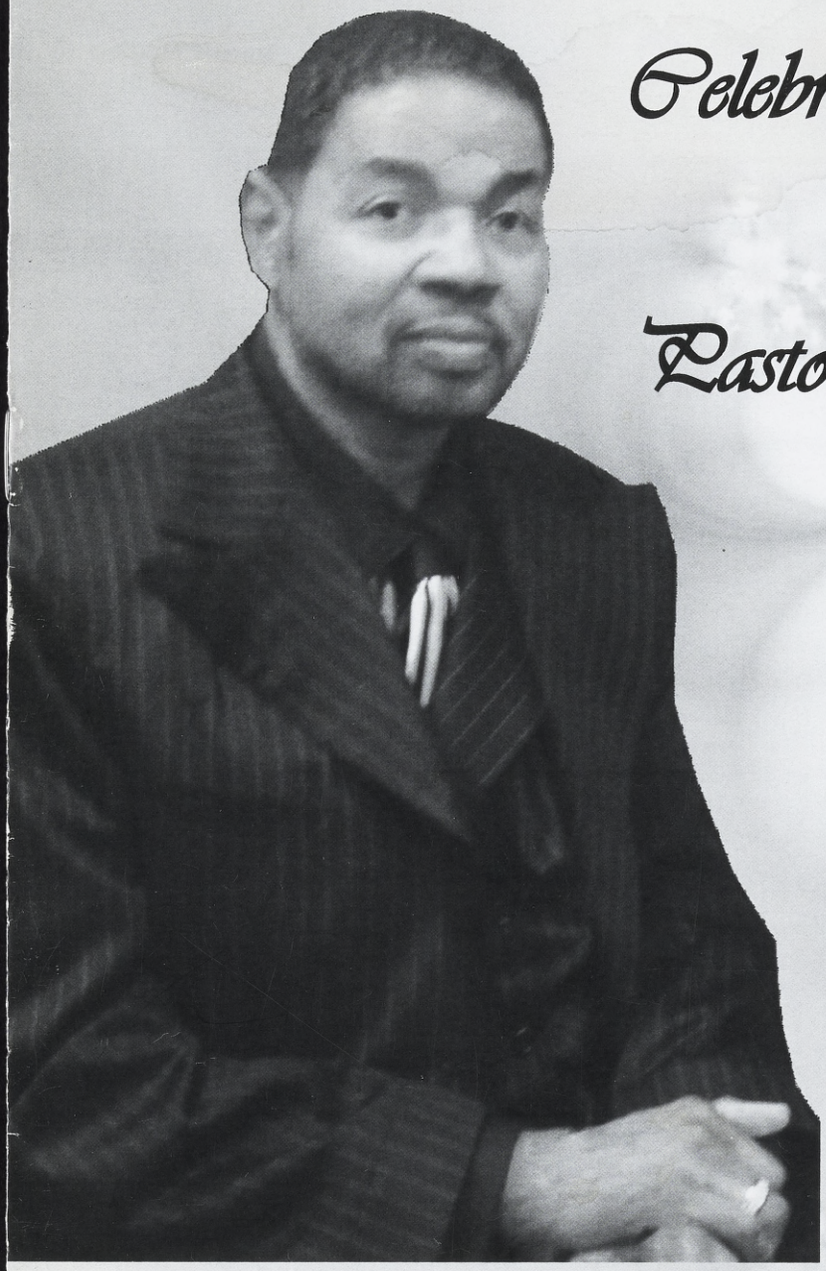

# Celebration of Life Services
# For
# Pastor Ronald L. Smith

REPORTED FOR DUTY
October 5, 1953

FINAL PROMOTION
October 7, 2015

THEME:
"THAT HE PLEASED GOD"

*"For before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."*
*Hebrews 11:5b*

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015 – 11:00A.M.

MACEDONIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
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JURISDICTIONAL CELEBRATION
Bishop Albert Galbraith, The Celebrant
Jurisdictional Prelate, Northern California First Jurisdiction COGIC

# The Scroll of Life

**Ronald L Smith** was born on October 5, 1953 in Oakland, CA to Nadine Barnett and raised by Robert and Lubertha Smith. Pastor Smith was raised at East Oakland C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of Pastor M J Clifton until the Lord moved him to Bakersfield, California. Pastor Smith became a member of Lily of the Valley C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of Pastor Phinas Barefield and served there for five years. The Lord used him tremendously as he became the youth leader. Elder Barefield allowed Elder Smith to lead the young people in shut-ins and prayer services. The church began to grow. A choir was formed where Smith also served as the choir director. He was humbly called to the ministry while serving at the Lily. The theme of his first message was "Lord, Help Me to Finish the Work."

Pastor Smith eventually moved back to the Bay Area to Vallejo, California and served at Rehoboth C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of the late Superintendent Perless Jefferson, Sr. He was ordained by the late Bishop B. R. Stewart. He was blessed to start working at Standard Oil Company in Concord in 1976 where he started in the Mailroom. He later was promoted to a Computer Operator position. In 1977, he married Arvora Stinson who he began dating while he was in Bakersfield. To this union, two daughters were born. In 1986, the Lord called Pastor Smith off of his secular job to full-time evangelism. For 15 years, he traveled the country, preaching the gospel as the Lord spoke through him. He was affectionately known as the "preachin' machine." Many souls were saved, bodies healed, and many delivered from addictions. During this walk with the Lord, he and his family had to sincerely exercise some faith. While conducting a revival in Denver, Colorado, the Lord moved on Bishop F E Johnson to ask Pastor Smith to pastor Campbell's Memorial C.O.G.I.C. He accepted the call to Pastorialship and moved his family to Denver, Colorado. He remained in Denver from 1996 – 1999 until the Lord opened another door in San Francisco, California to pastor Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C where he served until his promotion.

Pastor Smith served in the Northern California First Jurisdictional under the leadership of Bishop Albert Galbraith. Under this administration, he was appointed Jurisdiction Secretary for the 2nd Saturday Leadership Forum and Jurisdiction Evangelist President. He was called upon to act in many capacities in the jurisdiction (i.e. platform chairman, ministry of giving, represent the pastors in the jurisdiction, speaker for various meetings, etc).

Pastor Smith, having been raised in Oakland, Ca (and proudly boasting) "I'm from Sobrante Park", graduated from Castlemont High School in 1972. However, he never stopped being a student. In fact, one of his favorite sayings was "look it up" and although his family became frustrated with this response to a question or inquiry, it instilled in them the ability to search things out for themselves; to appreciate the knowledge that lay right in front of them if only they looked. Consequently, his thirst and hunger for God and His Word led him to receive his Associate Teacher Diploma and his Bachelor of Theology degree from Trinity College in Oakland, California in 2004. When he discerned the needs of the people sitting under his leadership, Pastor was compelled to go back to school where he received his Human Services Certificate from Solano Junior College in 2005, and received his M.A. in Counseling Psychology, as a M.F.T. (Marriage and Family Therapist), degree from Holy Names University in Oakland in 2011.

It was Pastor Smith's endeavor to preach and take the gospel wherever the Lord led him. To be faithful to the work of the ministry until the Lord called him home; for he knew God *personally,* as Healer, Deliverer, and Miracle Worker.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 38 years, Arvora (Cookie) Smith; two daughters, Cheronda (Adeyinka) Adeyemo and Allison Smith; mother, Nadine Jarrett; three brothers, Rocky Moore, Raymond (Michelle) Jarrett, Bryant (Lettie) Jerrett; three sisters, Ann (James) Walker, Theletha Jarrett, and Marla (Dan) Dupree; brother-in-law, Gaylord "Snookie" (Connie) Stinson; sister-in-laws, Mary (James) Young and Debra Summers; grandchildren, Bryce, Adesewa, and Lyrah, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends. There are four qualities Pastor Smith leaves behind: His Faith, His Wisdom, His Prayer Life and His Example of what a Husband and Father should be. I hear Miss'y Smith saying "My husband may not have gotten his new home on earth, but he's resting in his mansion now! Rest on my best friend, companion, and my confidant, until we meet again. I love you."

# Precious Memories

# Homegoing Celebration

## CELEBRATION FACILITATOR

**Superintendent Jeremiah Richardson**

*2nd Administrative Assistant, Northern California First Jurisdiction COGIC*

## THE VIEWING

**10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.**

Musical Prelude ..... Adam Rogers and Michael Butler

## THE PROCESSIONAL

*Jurisdictional Bishop, Visiting Bishops,*
*Administrative Assistants, Executive Board,*
*State Officials, Superintendents, Elders, and The Smith Family*

Final Glimpse Until Glory ..... Wiggins-Knipp Funeral Home
Sealing of the Bier ..... The Smith Family

## PREPARATION FOR REST

*THE ADJUTANTS*

Prayer for Strength and Comfort ..... Superintendent Harold Johnson, Jr.

## READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament ..... Pastor Wyndford Williams
New Testament ..... Pastor Wardell House

Ministry of Music - Praise Salute ..... Sister Salena Dansby

## STATEMENTS OF TRIBUTE AND CONSOLATION

Jurisdictional Department of Women ..... Supervisor Richardine L. Hunt
Pastors ..... Pastor Kenneth Martin
Superintendents ..... Superintendent Stanley G. Meeks
Executive Board ..... Pastor Dennis Johnson
Area Bishops ..... Designee
Local Church Representative ..... Deacon Benjamin Ray Stewart
Family Tribute ..... Mr. Bryant Jarrett (Brother)

## MUSICAL SELECTION

RONALD SMITH MEMORIAL CHOIR

# Homegoing Celebration

## RESOLUTIONS

Pentecostal Temple COGIC ..... Mother Rosie Hayter
Greater San Francisco District ..... Pastor Kenneth Moore
Northern California First Jurisdiction Department of Women ..... Missionary Patricia Collins
Northern California First Jurisdiction ..... Superintendent Dr. Yaahn G. Hunter

Acknowledgement of Cards/Telegrams ..... Sister Connie Stinson

Musical Selection ..... District Missionary Mosetta Tyson-Woodson

## THE SCROLL OF LIFE

Dr. Betty Joe Lee

Presentation of the Messenger ..... Superintendent J. Q. Jones,
First Administrative Assistant

Sermonic Selection ..... Pastor Nathan Pree

## PROCLAMATION OF HOPE
## BISHOP ALBERT GALBRAITH, JR.

**Jurisdictional Prelate**
**Northern California First Jurisdiction**
**Church Of God In Christ**

## MUSICAL RECESSIONAL

## INTERNMENT

Skyview Memorial Lawn
200 Rollingwood Drive
Vallejo, California 94591

**Repast immediately following the interment at:**
**Rehoboth World Outreach Center COGIC**
**245 Holly Street | Vallejo, California**

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Elder Darnell Maxey
Elder Clifford Brown, Sr.
Elder Clifford Brown, Jr.
Elder Steven Pree
Elder Danny Johnson
Brother Gaylord Stinson

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

**Pastors and Elders of Northern California First Jurisdiction, and**
Pastor Jonathan Logan, Pastor Julius Burrell, Pastor Sam Martin,
Pastor Al Williams, Pastor Booker T. Turner, Pastor Freddie Stewart,
Elder Alfred Winston, Elder Levi Bell, Pastor D. Dwayne Christmas
Pastor Jerone Davison, Elder James Jefferson, Pastor Kim Burrell

## IN APPRECIATION

Kaiser Permanente Medical Staff and Chaplains, Kaiser Social Services,
In-Shape Fitness Staff, Catholic Charities, Wiggins-Knipp Funeral Home,
Dr. James Prigmore, DDS and Staff, Earnestine Harris, Lady Camille Jefferson,
Mary Young, Shelia Tyson, Connie Stinson, Sherrye Turner

## THANK YOU

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a flower. If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you are not here at all, just thinking of us on this day.
Whatever you did to console our heart; we thank you so much – Whatever part.

**THE SMITH FAMILY**

## Arrangements Made Especially for Smith Family and Professionally Directed by:

Wiggins-Knipp Funeral Home
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Vallejo, California 94590
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